

## Winter Storm Mara update February 24, 2023

- >> Public works collected 830 cubic yards of brush from City parks the week of February 20 for a total of 2,890 cubic yards collected since February 6.
- >> Public Works department sourced and purchased a 15 yard dump trailer and a grapple attachment for an existing Kubota tractor to enhance brush collection operations.
- >> City Council in January approved \$170,000 for purchase of a wood chipper and chipper truck. Delivery of these items is expected March 7 and will enhance the brush collection operations.
- >> Development Services did not receive any new requests related to Storm Mara recovery.
- >> Public works plans to begin collection of brush in Ward 1 week of February 27.
- >> Trees that are on City property but not blocking any critical infrastructure such as the greenbelt and non-operable alleys will be addressed in future as resources become available.
- >> City providing free limb and tree removal curbside, waiving building or trades permit fees, providing delayed final electrical inspection for storm related damage, and waiving false alarm fees for valid permit holders from January 31 to February 5.
- >> Information about Winter Storm Mara City programs and community resources are available in English and Spanish at the Elgin Recreation Center 361 Hwy 95 North, Elgin Public Library 404 N Main Street and Advocacy Outreach, 202 Depot Street and online <a href="https://www.elgintexas.gov/1065/NewsEmergency-Updates">https://www.elgintexas.gov/1065/NewsEmergency-Updates</a> Information is posted in the windows at the library and is visible from the parking lot.
- >> Elgin Public Library provides free Wi-Fi and computer stations Tuesday and Thursday 9am to 7pm, Wednesday and Friday 9am to 6pm and Saturday 9am to 2pm at 404 N Main Street.

Other Disposal Options for Limbs

>> If you live outside of Elgin city limits or want collection options other than the free curbside pickup that City of Elgin is providing – these are some options: Fenske Sand and Gravel, Hornsby Bend BioSolids Management Sie, Austin Wood Recycling, Texas <u>Trash.com.</u> The Elgin Chamber of Commerce is a resource for additional options. None of these are provided as recommendations.

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